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with by the Government of India. We consider ourself as part of India. But, if it is considered necessary that the Provincial Government should compile statistics of all the things exported from this Province, that question will be taken up with the Statistical Department."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" If the quantity of manganese ore is more than what we require, what is the necessity to continue the controls on iron and steel? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It does not mean that you can get all the steel out of the ore."

Payment of dearness allowance to teachers.

* 157 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered payment of dearness allowance to teachers in elementary schools under all managements;

(*b*) what is the basis on which dearness allowance is to be paid to teachers in aided elementary schools;

(*c*) whether the managements are also required to revise the salaries of elementary school teachers and grant them weightage; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have agreed to increase grants-in-aid in deserving cases?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Dearness allowance is to be paid to teachers in aided elementary schools at the rates applicable to Government servants with effect from 1st January 1948, the actual amount payable to each teacher being fixed with reference to the scale of grant admissible to him.

" (*c*) All managements of elementary schools are required to pay the teachers under their employ in accordance with the revised scale of grants fixed by the Government with effect from 1st January 1947. It is open to the managements to give weightage for the services of teachers under them.

" (*d*) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that orders have been issued asking local bodies to give weightage in respect of teachers employed under them, will Government consider the desirability, in order to have a contented elementary school staff, of advising the different managements to give weightage also to the staff under them and to make good any loss that they sustain on that account by increased grants? ".

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" I very much sympathize with the suggestion, but with the Government's finance, as they are, it is difficult to do this."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—FOOD SITUATION IN THE PROVINCE.

* THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, I have placed in the hands of hon. Members a statement on the food situation in this Province. In fact, this is a second statement in addition to the one which I have distributed to the members some time ago. I had hoped that a discussion on the food situation would take place in the Assembly and at that time, I prepared an exhaustive statement for the information of the members of the Assembly and at the same time, I distributed copies of the same to the members of the Council as well. Unfortunately, there was no discussion possible in the other House and it has become possible in this House. The other statement was submitted about four weeks ago and it is not quite up-to-date. Therefore, I thought it better, in the interests of the discussion, that the Government should make a fresh statement and I have distributed copies of the fresh statement to the members of this House. I am sure everyone has got a copy of the statement in time to enable him to go through it so that he may be in a position to offer such criticism or advice as may be necessary. I would reserve what I have got to say at the end of the discussion so that I may answer the criticisms of hon. Members and I might then give them the answer which would explain the position more satisfactorily. I move, Sir, that the food situation in the Province be considered."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" In view of the fact that it is proposed to discuss three motions of the Government in one day, what shall be the procedure? Is there time to-day for all the three motions? I think there must be some time limit. Otherwise, we cannot take up all the three motions."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I would like to suggest that the question of food be taken up first."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I understand that, but hon. Members would like to discuss all the three motions in which case we have to set apart specific time for each motion."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" If there is time, I would like all the three motions to be taken up."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" If hon. Members want all the three motions to be taken up to-day, then, I would divide the time into three parts; food discussion will end at a certain time; afterwards discussion on the textile policy will begin and end at a certain time and so on. I have no objection if hon. Members want to go on discussing for a longer time."